

# BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

## OUTLOOK IS SPLENDID

So Says John K. Tener, President of National League.

Never Have Prospects Been Brighter in National Pastime—Baseball War Brought About Some Desirable Conditions.

(By JOHN K. TENER, President of the National League.)  
Splendid! That's my opinion of the baseball outlook for 1916, not merely for the National league, but for every diamond organization in the country. Not since I have been connected with the great national game, either as player, rooster or executive, have prospects been brighter for all concerned.

The mass of people in this country love the old game. During the past two years they have not shown it as much as in other years, but that was due to two things. One was the European war, which for a time, brought about a business depression. The other was the baseball war, which placed the affairs of baseball in a chaotic state.

But now all is changed. The country is enjoying prosperity greater than ever before in its history. The people have money—and they do not feel that in spending some of it for baseball they need sacrifice later to make up for the outlay.

Peaceful conditions in the baseball world means that the game itself will be from 20 to 40 per cent faster and better than it was during the past two years. The players realize now that they must play the game—and they will. They are going to put their whole hearts and souls into the task. There will be no shirking. The boys will be out there day after day, battling every inch of the way, not merely because they must play at full speed to retain their jobs, but because their hearts are back in their tasks again.

The baseball war brought about desirable conditions. The so-called



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firing of the Federals turned the heads of some of the players. Conditions were unsettled. But all is rosy now.

I look for one of the prettiest races the National league has ever known, and from what I hear, the American league will stage a fight equally as thrilling. Some of the clubs in our circuit that were somewhat weak last year have been strengthened. Every team has a chance for the pennant honors as the rival outfits prepare to toe the mark for the opening battle. Two or three of the clubs in the National league aren't conceded a chance by dopesters—but the unexpected usually happens in baseball. The Braves weren't conceded a chance in 1914. Nor were the Phillies in 1915. Yet both won out. History may repeat itself this year.

## WOULD EQUAL 1914 RECORD

Fritz Maisel Hopes to Have More Than 76 Stolen Bases to His Credit at End of Season.

Fritz Maisel hopes to equal his 1914 record of 76 stolen bases in the coming campaign. Last year Maisel fell 25 behind his mark of the year before, but this was due to the fact that he had fewer opportunities to steal. "It seemed as if there was always somebody on second when I got to first," remarked Maisel in discussing his falling off. "I was as successful as in 1914, figuring the number of times I started and the number of times that I was thrown out."

## DIAMOND REMAINS THE SAME

Lot of Bunk Printed About Changes in Size—Few Pitchers' Plates Have Been in Wrong Location.

There is a lot of bunk being printed about changes in the size of the baseball diamond. As a matter of fact, the diamond hasn't been changed a particle. It is possible that a few diamonds have had the pitcher's plate wrongly located and that second base has not been stationed where it belongs, but these are the only corrections to be made.

## COMPARES BENNY KAUFF WITH TY COBB



Benny Kauff and Ty Cobb.

"Benny Kauff?" Hughey Jennings, master of the greatest baseball player the game can boast, Ty Cobb, repeated the last two words of a query and a hundred freckles lighted up as he smiled. "O, he's a good ball player—a fair ball player. But it isn't fair to mention him in the same breath with Ty Cobb. Selling Platters don't stack up with stake horses."

And just a few days ago Jennings saw the two pitted against each other as center fielders, in a game between the Tigers and the New York Giants at Houston, Tex. Ty Cobb, playing his first game of the year without a workout, made Kauff look awkward, says the boss of the Bengal ranch. A few days ago John McGraw, Benny

Kauff's master, came forth with a statement after seeing Cobb in that game that the Tiger without doubt was the greatest natural ball player he had ever seen. Jennings agreed with him absolutely. And he has a few good things to say of Kauff.

"Kauff will hit .300 in the National league," the "ee-yah" singer declares. "But that isn't as difficult a job as hitting .300 in the American league. The former Federal league would be only an average ball player in the American league. We're a lot faster than the National."

"What would Cobb hit in the National league then?" he was asked. "I can't think of such big numbers," the answer came back.

## BASEBALL STORIES

The cream of a baseball club should be found in the pitcher.

It takes a lot of runs to enable a baseball team to win in a walk.

Carl Mays of the Red Sox is now the only underhand pitcher in the American league.

President Tener is in favor of abolishing spring games between clubs in the National league.

An auburn-nosed baseball fan informs us that a highball in the hand is worth two in the air.

Baseball is a splendid game or it would be smothered by the immense amount of capital tied up in it.

Innis Brown resigned as president of the Georgia-Alabama league because of the press of private business.

The New York National will pay part of Jim Thorpe's salary while he plays with the Milwaukee team this year.

Extra Midkiff, who managed the Louisville Colonels last year, has been released to the Memphis Southern league club.

Manager Tinker thinks Schulte will help the Cubs a great deal in left field, because he understands the batters in the league.

These are the days when many a promising youngster is sent back to the "bushes" to learn something more about baseball.

Clark Griffith of Washington has signed Kenneth McGovern, Knox college pitcher, who will join the team the latter part of June.

Peter Allison, who has been turned back to the Southern league at New Orleans by Joe Tinker, is a star outfielder in that league.

Pitcher Eris Shore of the Red Sox is 15 pounds heavier than he was last season and with this added weight has come more strength.

Heine Zimmerman is seeking the premier male dancing title now held by Waseley Nijinsky. Heine prances best after hearing a strike miscalled.

The man who is a weather expert and a baseball fan commands a certain amount of sympathy just now as one whose business spoils his pleasure.

Bill James has doctored his arm so much that the Boston players think it has been overstrained. Just now Stallings is working James out very carefully.

A new collegian who will join the Athletics is Otis Lawry, captain of the University of Maine team. He will join the A's in June, after school closes.

## THINKING ABOUT LITTLE DOG

Pitcher Slim Sallee Makes Poor Play While Worrying About Lonesome Pet Left at Home.

A group of baseball players were discussing left-handers the other day, and as they ranged from Waddell to Benton to Sallee, they agreed that the man who pitches with his wrong arm is always the possessor of eccentric moods. "Slim" Sallee was working against the Giants at the Polo grounds," said one member of the group, "and in the seventh inning the Giants filled the bases and needed only one run to tie. A ball was hit to Sallee, but instead of throwing the ball to the plate and forcing a man, he hurried it to first. When he got



Slim Sallee.

back to the bench the rest of the players began to 'ride' him and accuse the pitcher of having been rattled by the shouts of the crowd.

"Oh, let me alone," said 'Slim,' plaintively, "I didn't mind the crowd. I was just thinking of my poor little dog at home. He's all alone."

## GAMBLERS GET EARLY START

Try to Obtain Foothold by Publishing Odds on Race in Major Leagues—Syndicate Active.

Judging from reports coming out of New York, it looks as if the gambling element is trying to obtain a foothold again in baseball, writes Ralph Davis in the Pittsburgh Press. Odds have been published on the coming major league races, and the chances are that a bookmaking syndicate is already active in the eastern metropolis. It is to be hoped that the powers that be in the national pastime will not relax their efforts to keep the sport free from the gamblers' taint, and that every possible effort will be made to squelch the bookies before they get a fair season's start in their operations.

## EXCITING FLAG RACE

None More Promising Than President in American League.

Six Almost Certain Contenders for Championship in Opinion of President San Johnson—Cleveland Is Doubtful.

(By BAN B. JOHNSON, President of the American League.)  
With the baseball season of 1916 in full bloom, enthusiasm in Uncle Sam's great national game is everywhere apparent. This enthusiasm furnishes a striking contrast to the period immediately preceding the campaigns of 1914 and 1915.

It is needless for me to refer to the distressing conditions under which the game labored in the last two years, for these are still fresh in the minds of every fan. Suffice it to say, that the situation having been clarified during the winter months, baseball is again due for a period of prosperity which I hope will equal, if not surpass, those wonderfully prosperous seasons of 1912 and 1913.

Believing in the doctrine of preparedness, the American league club owners have their teams on edge and eager for the fray, as the result of long training seasons under southern skies. We have had many exciting races for our pennants, but I cannot recall one which was more promising than that which is now upon us.

Boston, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Washington and St. Louis are, from my point of view, almost certain contenders for the right to get into the world series next October. Cleveland, an unknown quantity at present, may develop enough speed and stamina to make matters decidedly lively and interesting for the others.

The Cleveland club is in the hands of the new owners this year—men of



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brains and push and money. The question of expense will not enter into their calculations if they can strengthen their team and make it a factor in the championship race.

Another one of our clubs also changed hands during the winter—St. Louis. The manager of this club is none other than Fielder Jones, who led the White Sox to the world's championship in 1906. Jones, when in the American league, always showed remarkable ability in handling a team, and he knew how to get the best results out of his men. That's why I think the St. Louis team, with Jones as its pilot, should be rated as a possible pennant contender.

As for Connie Mack, he is still engaged in the arduous task of rebuilding his Athletics, but Connie, wizard that he is, can hardly hope to figure seriously in the race of 1916. But, at that, he may surprise us.

In conclusion, I wish to say that with normal conditions in the baseball world restored, major and minor league club owners, the country over, face the future with a feeling of confidence—a feeling that the grand old game has come back, and that the fans are now ready and anxious to support it as enthusiastically as they did in the days of its greatest prosperity.

## DEL DRAKE IS UNFORTUNATE

Former Detroit Tiger, Sent Back Because Too Young, Finally Let Go Because Too Old.

About the most unfortunate mortal in baseball is Del Drake, who had two or three trials with the Tigers, and who was handed the pleasant task of trying to pry Cobb, Crawford, McIntyre or Jones out of his job. Del never seems to be the right age. Detroit kept sending him up, because he didn't have enough experience, which is one way of saying that he was too young. Now it is reported that Memphis, which took him when the St. Louis Feds passed him up, has let him go because he's too old.

Somewhere between there must have been a right age for Drake. But it did him no good, unless it was to land him two seasons with the independents at a better salary than he ever got in organized ball. His ascribed reason for hurrying was that O. E.—which in his case meant the Detroit club—never had given him a fair deal. Nobody wanted him when the war ended, and he probably will Class B it from now on.

## "GOAT GETTERS" IN NATIONAL LEAGUE



CHARLIE DOOLIN

One of the big factors of a baseball team is to have some member who can get on the nerves of an opposing pitcher or player and cause that particular star to forget he is in a baseball game. Charlie Doolin is one of the most successful "goat getters" in the National league. Not only does he keep after opposing hurlers, but when he is catching he has had the swatter so engrossed on framing a reply to some caustic remark that the third perfect strike slid by without being molested. One of the reasons for the downfall of Chief Meyers was because he was so susceptible to being "kidded." Doolin used to have the Indian riled all the time. When Joe Tinker was in the National league with the Reds, he had Meyers continually fighting and often McGraw would remove the red-skin from the game.

"So they call you 'chief,' do they? Well, I think it should be changed to 'Cheese' Meyers," barked Tinker from the bench one afternoon. Meyers dropped his bat and started for Tinker. McGraw started for Meyers.

"Doggone that Tinker. Remarks like that would make any man fight who had red blood in his veins," shrieked Meyers.

"Red blood! Get out! You're yellow, not red," taunted back Tinker. With a whizz the bat flew from Meyers' hand and he followed it toward Tinker. Joe only started to laugh, as players and umpires rushed between him and the angry redskin. Meyers had made two singles that day that scored runs, but he was banished from the game for his display of temper and the substitute batter struck out.

## DIAMOND NOTES

Manager McGraw has sent eight rookies to the bushes.

Jack Dalton, veteran outfielder, has been signed by the Reds.

Little Mel Wolfgang will be one of the mainstays of the Sox pitching staff this year.

Connie Mack has been disappointed over the showing of his pitching staff so far this spring.

With Gandil and Speaker, the Indians will be a very different team for pitchers to face this summer.

Manager Callahan of the Pirates says he will carry two southpaws this year. Kantlehner will be one.

Billy Smith of the Richmond Internationals may keep George Kircher just to amuse the fans, if nothing else.

One of the sweetest notes in the symphony of spring is the crack of the home star's bat on the nose of the ball.

Having once worked at the plumbing trade, James J. Callahan allows the pennant race is a "pipe" for the Pirates.

Hellman, who plays first base for the Tigers, is a native son of California and played with the San Francisco Seals last year.

Connie Mack has refused to enter into an agreement with George Stallings to play another exhibition series in Florida next spring.

In view of the fact that the Giants wear sporting caps which make them resemble railway engineers, why not label them the Casey Joneses?

It looks very much as if Griffith had picked up a mighty handy man in Gharrity, who is not only a good catcher but can hit and is fast on his feet.

Larry Miller, the young Brooklyn outfielder, is a son of Sebastian Miller, the famous professional strong man. Larry is a chip of the old block.

Fighters always have the edge on ball players when called upon for the festive alibi. They can look to a bone, whereas it's different with the ball players.

"Ray" Morgan of Washington is playing the best ball of his career. Morgan will fill the second base position to perfection if he attends to business.

Statistics prove that the old-fashioned umpire who used to let the crowd crack pop bottles on his head is now as extinct as the dodo, emblem of pacifism.

## JOE GEDEON PROMISES WELL

Second Sacker of New York Yanks Showing Great Prowess With Stick—Expected to Star.

A young player who is figured to do some good work during the present baseball season is Joe Gedeon, second baseman of the New York Americans. Gedeon has been showing great prowess with the stick since the opening of the season.

He was a .317 batter with Salt Lake City last year and he has been living up to his record.

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## VIOLIN REMEDIES SORE ARM

Dickinson College Player Regains Use of Wing by Constant Practice on Musical Instrument.

Attributing his "come-back" as a pitcher to playing a violin, Fred Goodhart of Dickinson college baseball nine, is for the first time since the summer of 1910 in good physical shape. His arm is without any trace of the soreness which handicapped him for six seasons.

Goodhart, until 1910, had been making a record when his right arm developed a lameness which massaging and the usual remedies could not relieve. He quit baseball and entered Dickinson college. In 1915 Goodhart was able to twirl one game—that against Bucknell—which he won. His arm was so lame afterward that he was dropped from the squad.

During the past winter Goodhart, in his spare time, has been playing a violin with a local orchestra, which required much practicing. He fully believes that in the extended arm motion required in playing lies the secret of his recovery.

## OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Gallery of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute. Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street. Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue. Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4445 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street. Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5668 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 112 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel. Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st.

Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard. Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor. Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave.

Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building. Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 57th street. Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street.

Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street. Standard, Michigan ave. and 24th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1282 La Salle avenue. Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street. University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

The Michelob Club which meets at Ohio and Clark streets in Sauerman's splendid rooms is growing in membership and power every day.

Simon O'Donnell is an honest, earnest and respected leader in the world of labor.

Joseph F. Haas, the popular former County Clerk, is one of the most valuable and clear sighted of Republican leaders.

John S. Cooper, the veteran horse dealer, is honored at the Stock Yards and everywhere else for his upright career.

John D. Gallivan, the veteran letter carrier, is one of the most popular men in the service of Uncle Sam.

Henry J. Kolze made a splendid County Commissioner. He would make a good city treasurer.

Patrick J. Carr is making a good record as trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Frank H. Jones is not only a democrat of national reputation, but a financier who is respected by everybody.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuck is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

Joseph E. Flanagan is a Democratic leader of force and character.

Judge Kichham Scanlan fulfills the expectations of his friends. His record on the bench is a good one.

Trustee James M. Dalley of the Sanitary District always looks after the interests of the people.

Thomas J. Webb is respected in business and public life. He is an ideal member of the Board of Review.

The Little Giant motor truck is the best on the market.